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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIR ROUTES FOR ST. KITTS, ST. LUCIA

REF: BRIDGETOWN 765

1. CAB HAS DEFERRED ACTION ON BWIA'S ST. LUCIA APPLICATION BECAUSE REQUESTED ROUTE NOT INCLUDED IN ANY EXISTING BILATERAL. BWIA MAY OPERATE BETWEEN MIAMI AND ST. KITTS AND/OR ST. LUCIA.

2. OUR POLICY TOWARD ROUTE REQUESTS IS BASED ON FAIR AND EQUAL EXCHANGE OF AIR TRANSPORT RELATED BENEFITS BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND COUNTRIES CONCERNED. BENEFITS GENERALLY MEASURED IN TERMS OF SIZE OF AIR PASSENGER AND CARGO MARKETS TO WHICH RESPECTIVE NATIONAL CARRIERS GAIN ACCESS AS A RESULT OF ROUTE EXCHANGE. ROUTES SPECIFY BOTH TERMINAL AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS. IN CASE OF TRINIDAD'S BWIA, WE HAVE ALREADY GRANTED GENEROUS ROUTE AUTHORITY IN COMPARISON TO SIZE OF MARKET OBTAINED FOR U.S. AIRLINES IN UNCLASSIFIED

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EXCHANGE. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT CATEGORICALLY RULE OUT ANY FURTHER INTERMEDIATE POINTS FOR BWIA (SUCH AS ST. KITTS, ST. LUCIA) THERE WOULD BE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH ACTION ON BASIS OF ANY IMBALANCE IN BENEFITS.

3. DEPARTMENT AND CAB WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO GRANT
DIRECT ROUTE AUTHORITY BETWEEN NEW YORK AND EITHER
ST. KITTS OR ST. LUCIA TO TRINIDAD/TOBAGO UNLESS EQUAL
VALUE BENEFITS WERE OBTAINED FOR U.S. AIRLINES. SINCE
THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC AIR TRANSPORT RIGHTS WHICH WE WOULD
WISH TO SEEK FROM GOTT AT THIS TIME, PROSPECTS FOR
ANY EARLY GRANT TO BWIA OF A NEW YORK-ST. KITTS/ST. LUCIA
ROUTE ARE REMOTE. KISSINGER

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